

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on October 22, 2001, commencing at 9:50 a.m.

With the following members present to wit:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.	County Judge
Jerry Vasquez	Commissioner Pct. #1
Judith Gutierrez	Commissioner Pct. #2
Felix Velasquez	Commissioner Pct. #3
Miguel Urdiales	Commissioner Pct. #4*
	* joined meeting later

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted on the 18th day of October, 2001. Present also were Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various Officers of the Webb County Government and others interested in the business of the Court.

01-10-282

- 1. Call to Order - Judge Martinez/Excuses Comm. Urdiales per wife's angioplasty
Invocation- Mr. Chuck Owen
Pledge of Allegiance- Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Jr.**

02-10-283

- 2. Approval of Minutes -**

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting in favor, the Court approved the minutes of the meetings of September 10, 17 and 24 and all public hearings held therein.

03-10-284

- 3. Communications-**

Judge Martinez announced City of Laredo communications in regard to new annexation plans. The Judge also congratulated County Auditor Leo Flores on that Office's most recent Certificate of Achievement.

Commissioner Velasquez explained letter requesting report on County drug policy. Ms. Juanita Puente, County Risk Manager reported on this issue.

Commissioners Vasquez and Velasquez commented on various matters.

Sheriff Office Executive Administrator Salinas addressed the Court in regard to the County Jail inmate population and other related matters, as did Judge Martinez.

Ms. Toni Gamboa invited the Court to attend the Veterans' Banquet at Christ Worship Center on November 9, 2001.

It now being 10:38 a.m., Commissioner Urdiales was now present at the meeting.

Trautmann Elementary School Eighth Grade Class students and teachers were acknowledged by the Court as being in attendance at the meeting. Commissioner Urdiales addressed the children in attendance and the general public, offering to visit to talk about public service.

Commissioner Gutierrez advised the Court on a recent educational field trip provided to Webb County colonias children through the County Extension Cooperative.

04-10-285

4. Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved the County Treasurers' report as presented by Mr. Jorge Flores, Chief Deputy Treasurer including all bills presented to be paid and the payroll of October 12, 2001 of \$1,705,457.00 and the projected payroll of October 26 of \$1,800,000.00. Commissioner Gutierrez asked the Court to consider having a workshop for a contingency plan to address a decrease in sales tax revenue.

Webb County Tax Assessor Collector Ms. Patricia Barrera shared information with the Court regarding tax statements returned to her Office due to incorrect addresses provided to it and the costs involved.

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved for the record all monthly reports provided at this meeting.

05-10-286

5. Proclamations/resolutions

There were none presented under this item.

06-10-287

6a. Treasurer

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to include "MBIA Texas Class" as an authorized financial institution to sell investments to Webb County and to approve a resolution authorizing participation in "MBIA Texas Class".

6b. Head Start

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to fill Slot #1802 (Teacher Substitute) at \$6.76 an hour for 15 hours a week.

6b.2 Head Start

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to approve an amendment for the Child-Adult Care Food Program for Fiscal Year October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2002 from the Texas Department of Human Services.

6c. Community Action Agency

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved a 25 cent increase to current El Aguila Rural Transportation Fares (from \$1.00 to \$1.25 one-way); increase to be implemented effective October 22, 2001.

6d. Community Action Agency

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved modification of the following slots in the Social Services Program effective October 22, 2001, with no impact on the General Fund:

Slot 1853, Social Service Clerk at \$7.00 an hour to Center Coordinator at \$8.10 an hour and

Slot 1852, Social Services Pt., at \$6.50 an hour to Social Services Clerk FT-temp., at \$7.00 an hour.

6e. Community Action Agency

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with all voting in favor, the Court approved modification of title to slot #1795 from Weatherization Clerk to Weatherization Assistant, effective October 22, 2001 with no effect on the General Fund.

6f. Road and Bridge

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to fill the following slots in Department 7001, (Road and Bridge Fund #010-Budget and Records General), Slot #646 - Payroll insurance clerk) at \$10.57 an hour and Slot # 1497 - DPS Secretary at \$9.29 an hour and also to fill the following slots in Department 7002 (Road and Bridge Fund #010- Road Maintenance General): Slot 1994 and 1995 - refuse truck drivers at \$9.29 an hour and Slot #1996- paver crew leader I at \$9.50 an hour and Slot #1997- paver crew leader II, at \$10.00 an hour.

07.10-288 County Judge and Commissioners

7a. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor following discussion and agreement of terms of 8 months at \$8,500 a month from the lessor presently leasing office space for the County Attorney's Office at 205 W. Village Boulevard, such expense already allocated in administration building relocation funds, the Court approved the action.

Executive Session

It now being 11:09 a.m., upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to go into Executive Session as noted in the posted meeting agenda to discuss only the following item:

7b. Report by Allison, Bass and Associates regarding status of litigation concerning jail operations, litigation concerning jail operations and efficiency and possible action regarding same.

Open Session

It now being 11:58 a.m., the Court came back into open session. Judge Martinez stated that no action was taken at all whatsoever in executive session.

Mr. Jim Allison now addressed the Court to report on the status of the matter from item 7b.

08-10-289 Purchasing Agent

8. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to award the following bids/proposals as presented by Purchasing Agent, Mr. Eloy Ramirez, Jr.:

Bid#2002-23—"Annual Contract for Car Wash Services" to Royal Treat Car Wash

Bid#2001-77—"One Full size Utility Vehicle" to Brown Chevrolet Inc.

Bid#2001-78—"Four 15-Passenger Vans to Philpott Motors

P-2001-09- "Architectural Service for the HUD Neighborhood Initiatives Program to Design Group International

P-2001-12 "Request for Proposals for Service Provider to Operate the Webb County Colonia Self-Help Center" as per submission by CAA Executive Director Cynthia Mares.

09-10-290 County Attorney

Upon motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Urdiales, with all voting in favor, the Court moved up item 9-e.

9e. Upon motion of Commissioner Urdiales, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, and following presentations by Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, and Mr. Juan Vargas, Director of Economic Development, with all voting in favor, the Court accepted the conveyance of a ten acre tract of land located adjacent to the Penitas West Subdivision from Deutsch Properties, LTD., and Wilson Properties, LTD., (Grantors) containing conditions of conveyance which would allow for the donation of said tract, for a proposed community center, and a tax deduction if grantors are able to participate in oversizing of water lines planned for the area at a reasonable cost, or in the alternative, if grantors are not able to participate, then the County will purchase said property for the appraised value of sixty five thousand dollars (\$65,000.00) or should grantors sell the property, Webb County shall be entitled to purchase the property at the lesser of the appraised price or the offer price to any third party purchaser with said conditions to be applicable for a twenty four (24) month period from the date of conveyance and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

At this time, Mr. Urdiales was excused from the meeting.

9a. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to enter into a lease renewal agreement for a one year period beginning October 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2002, with the City of Laredo, for office space for the Webb County Head Start program at Suite 26, Building S-1, Laredo International Airport, 1718 E. Calton Road, which is approximately 480 square feet at a monthly rental of six hundred and ten dollars and six cents (\$610.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9b. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to enter into a lease renewal agreement for a one year period beginning October 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2002, with the City of Laredo for office space for the Webb County Head Start program at Suite 21, Building S-1, Laredo International Airport, 1718 E. Calton Road, which is approximately 300 square feet for a monthly rental of three hundred and eighty two dollars and fifty eight cents (\$382.58) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9c. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court voted to enter into a lease renewal agreement for a one year period beginning October 1, 2001 and ending September 30, 2002, with the City of Laredo for office space located at Suite 11, Building S-1, Laredo International Airport, 1718 E. Calton, which is approximately 1,992 square feet, for a monthly rental fee of two thousand, two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty cents (\$2,274.80) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9d. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez with discussion and input from County Auditor Leo Flores, the members then all voting in favor, the Court voted to enter into leases with holdover tenants at the recently purchased Rodriguez property (Villa Antigua Project) located at 805 Grant Street with lease proceeds of \$225.00 per month for Apartment 1, \$210 per month for Apartment 2, \$225 per month for Apartment 3, \$225 per month for Apartment 4 and \$210 per month for Apartment 5; sewer, water and garbage collection and gas fees to be divided among the tenants on a monthly basis and collected by and paid for by the County and each tenant remaining responsible for paying for electric service with the proceeds of the rent to be credited to the Villa Antigua Project and further authorizing the Webb County Heritage Foundation to collect such rents and fees and deposit all collected funds with the Webb County Treasurer and authorizing the County Judge to sign all documents.

9f. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into an "additional software license agreement" with New World Systems for the Aegis/400 data management retrieval standard software for a cost of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) plus an additional nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) for software maintenance to commence 90 days after delivery of software and twelve (12) hours of training and installation support at a cost of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) plus reasonable travel expenses divided between all New World Customers visited on a single trip and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9g. Upon motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into a one year maintenance agreement with Triminn Systems, Inc., for the County Clerk Records Management at a cost of ten thousand five hundred dollars (\$10,500.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9h. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into Contract Amendment Number 3 with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Contract Number 718003 (Webb County Self-Help Centers) by amending the budget in the following manner and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents:

Salary and Fringe Benefits from \$403,867.00 to \$441,483.00

Operation and Equipment from \$151,470.00 to \$156,360.00

Program Costs from \$505,663.00 to \$463,157.00

County Administration from \$50,000.00 to \$50,000.00

Total Contract Budget to \$1,111,000.00

9i. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into Contract Modification #2 with the U.S. Department of Labor, extending the Welfare to Work Program from September 20, 2001 to September 30, 2002, and making changes to the budget by moving \$16,253.00 from tuition payments, \$36,783.00 from OJT Reimbursements, \$618,278.00 from participant wages fringe benefits to support services, Total re-budgeted \$122,725.00, with the Total Funding remaining unaffected at \$1,000,000.00, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9j. Upon motion of Commissioner Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, with all voting in favor following discussion and presentations by Mr. Pepe Salinas from the Sheriff Office and Mr. Carlos Villarreal, County Judge Office Executive Administrator, with instructions from the Court to further research this item and bring back the information to the subsequent meeting, the Court voted to defer the item:

“Discussion and possible action to accept a grant award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and enter into a grant agreement in the amount of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000.00) over a three year period with a County match of eighteen thousand and three hundred dollars (\$18,312.00) for six (6) new full-time school resources officers and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.”

9k. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into a contract with the Texas Water Development Board for a Facility Engineering Plan for the economically distressed area known as the Highway 59 Colonias (Ranchitos Las Lomas I and II, Ranchitos Colorado Acres, Ranchitos Los Veteranos, Ranchitos Los Arcos, Ranchitos Los Centenarios, Ranchitos Los Fresnos, Ranchitos Los Mesquites, Ranchitos Los Nopalitos, East Gate Acres, Hillside Acres I and II, Regency Village, Las Pilas Units I and II, Pueblo East, Valle Verde, and Village East) in an amount of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000.00) of which the Texas Water Development Board shall reimburse Webb County 37% (\$71,250.00) and Webb County shall be responsible for 12.5% (\$23,750.00 of which no less than 50% shall be payable in cash) and Webb County shall be responsible for securing funding for the remaining 50% (\$95,000.00) from a third party (BECC) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9l. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to accept by order, road way right of way and public utility easement from one property owner in San Carlos Subdivision, Phase II, out of the following tract:

San Carlos Phase II

Lot 10, Block 5

Juan Francisco Garcia.

9m. & n. Upon motion of Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Gutierrez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to:

m. Enter into a maintenance and connectivity support agreement with IKON for a Cannon Copier located at the Webb County Extension Office for a one year period, commencing October 1, 2001, for a cost of three thousand one hundred forty six dollars (\$3,146.00) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents and,

n. Enter into a professional services agreement with Dr. Hector Lopez, D.D.S. for inmate dental care at the Webb County Law Enforcement Center for a one year period, beginning October 1, 2002, at a monthly cost of one thousand eight hundred (\$1,800.00) and ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 Local Government Code (Competitive Bidding and Competitive Proposal Requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents

9o. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Judge Martinez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into a contract with Bethany House, Inc., a non-profit corporation, to provide food for juvenile detainees at the Webb County Juvenile Detention Center for a one year period at a cost not to exceed fifty six thousand dollars (\$56,000.00), payable in advance in quarterly payments of fourteen hundred dollars (\$1,400.00), with the County to be credited on a quarterly basis for the difference between ^{14,000} meals served and meals pre-purchased, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

9p. Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Vasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court approved to enter into Contract Amendment Number 1 with MGT of America, Inc. to extend the Jail Needs Assessment Contract an additional thirty (30) days to November 1, 2001, and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

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Adjournment

Upon motion of Commissioner Gutierrez, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez, with all voting in favor, the Court adjourned the meeting